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TAGS: OREP (CLARK, DICK)

SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS COVERAGE

1. UPON ARRIVAL MAPUTO NOVEMBER 16, SENATOR CLARK MET WITH REPORTERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION AGENCY (AIM). FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIM STORY AS REPORTED ON FRONT PAGE OF NOTICIAS NOVEMBER 17.

QUOTE: AMERICAN DELEGATION TO CONTACT GPRM. MAPUTO, 16 (AIM). AN AMERICAN DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR DICK CLARK ARRIVED IN MAPUTO THIS MORNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT.

ALBERTO SITHOLE, DIRECTOR OF EUROPE AND AMERICAS DIVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SIC) AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN MAPUTO WERE AT THE AIRPORT TO RECEIVE (SENATOR CLARK).

IN A STATEMENT TO THE MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION AGENCY, THE AMERICAN SENATOR SAID THAT DURING HIS STAY IN MAPUTO HE HOPES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL, VICE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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DURING THE MEETINGS (SENATOR CLARK). WILL BE BRIEFED

ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS FIND OUT WHAT SOLUTION FRELIMO CONSIDERS CORRECT FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THESE COUNTRIES.

THE DIPLOMAT (SIC) SAID THAT THE U.S. IS OF THE OPINION THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION SHOULD BE SOUGHT AND THAT THE SOLUTION SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A BLACK MAJORITY TRANSITION GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE.

THE NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMAT (SIC) CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HIS DELEGATION HOPES TO MEET TOMORROW WITH PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, AUGUSTINHO NETO, HAVING ALREADY HAD CONTACTS WITH PRESIDENTS JULIUS NYERERE AND KENNETH KAUNDA.
END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT ALBERTO SITHOLE WAS MEETING THE CODEL IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FRELIMO, NOT AS DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN DIVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
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